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COMMUNITY BASED SENTENCES (INTERSTATE TRANSFER) BILL

 **Ms LAUGA** (Keppel—ALP) (12.56 pm): I also rise today to support the Community Based Sentences (Interstate Transfer) Bill 2019. This bill proposes that the national scheme will apply only to adults serving community based sentences. The community based sentences available in Queensland that may be transferred under the scheme include: probation orders, community service orders, graffiti removal orders, intensive corrections orders, and drug and alcohol treatment orders. These community based sentences and the orders imposed by our courts are really important and effective ways to provide an alternative pathway to people who are convicted of a crime so that they can do their bit and give back to society without being sentenced to a period of imprisonment. In my experience, I have found that these types of orders not only can be very effective at giving something back to a community that has been impacted by a particular crime but also are an opportunity for the offender to be rehabilitated and give back to the community they have impacted through their crime.

The bill does not apply to juvenile offenders, offenders on parole, offenders with a sentence that imposes a fine or financial penalty or includes reparation to a particular person, for example, a victim of crime. As a government, we are committed to the safety and security of our community. That is always a priority for our government. Importantly, this bill resolves the risks and issues identified with the current informal administrative interstate transfer arrangements, including the limited opportunities for enforcement or extradition action following an offender's contravention of their order without significant expenditure of resources by the multiple jurisdictions involved. I commend the bill to the House.